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FARM NEWS.

A late clutch of chickens usually come in line about Christmas time.

Cows are like men. There is always a cause either imaginary or real for kicking.

Put some kind of a fly net on your horse, even though it is not a thing of beauty.

California has shipped 449 cars of fruit against 459 at the same time last year.

There is not so much money in livestock as in a very highly watered article these days.

The wheat gamblers say there will be just 470,000,000 bushels of wheat grown in this country.

The peach orchards of Trimble county Kentucky will this year yield 400,000 bushels of that luscious fruit.

The recent reports of cattle dying in Arizona from want of water are only too true. They have been verified.

The shipment of cherries from California last year amounted to 178 cars. This year they will only aggregate 81 cars.

Ramon Hirsch's widow has donated \$1,000,000 (\$20,000,000) to promote the emigration of Russian Jews to Argentina.

It is of utmost importance to have a goodly supply of salt, ashes, charcoal and other condiments for your live stock.

Washington farmers are busily engaged holding farmers' institutes. Oregon farmers are holding down seaside cottages.

Southern Iowa is no small factor in the fruit market. Thousands of acres of apple orchards have been planted in recent years.

In the heat of the presidential campaign and the oppressive heat of the sun, don't forget to give the faithful horse plenty of refreshment.

Now is the time the dairyman who had forethought enough to provide some corn fodder for green food for his dairy cows is getting in his work.

The weed harvest will soon be ready for the sickle. There is no great damage to cut it a little too green. Better a little too soon than not at all.

The new process of working the water and buttermilk out of butter is by centrifugal force, leaving the butter in its perfect granular state.

The American Fruit Growers' union, which was organized this winter has decided in favor of selling their fresh fruit on the auction plan.

Lompoc mustard growers are in the thick of their harvest work. A full crop, says the Record, Lompoc, Calif., only in a very few instances can be looked for.

Prune trees have made phenomenal growth this summer and the new wood has a good healthy appearance and next year a heavy crop may be looked for.

The long dry heated term is getting in its deadly work on the potatoes, and it now appears that about the only potatoes will be those raised by persistent cultivation.

The patient toiling horse will more than repay the cost of a suitable full crop, and you will have the gratification of knowing you have done a very humane act for once.

Early planted potatoes will be almost a failure and those that are very late planted have only just come up and need rain badly. The present prospect is for a good price.

Overfeeding is what causes more trouble in the poultry business than any one thing in warm weather and an insufficient amount of fresh drinking water comes next in bad effect.

Too many farmers entirely neglect to train their young horses for fast walkers. This country is already full of mangers. In fact, life is too short to raise a horse-team with an ox-team gait.

Before another year passes there will be thousands of lessons in economy learned, and those who do not study every possible economy are liable to

be ground into dust by the millstones of depression.

Cuas. Ellis of Los Gatos was gored to death last Saturday by a vicious bull. He was tethering the animal when it made a wild rush at him, inflicting injuries from which he died a few hours later.

Fifteen thousand sheep are held in quarantine at Yellowstone range by Montana authorities. The 90 days quarantine will considerably toll up the range and will discourage driving sheep to Montana.

There is an immense peach crop along the Ohio river this year as well as in many other portions of the East and peaches are selling in towns and cities along the Ohio river as low as five cents per peck.

It ought to be every farmer's aim to contribute to the deficiency in the egg market of this country. Make your hens lay when the other fellow's hens don't and you will not have been an entire failure in the poultry business.

Now is the time every extra precaution in the way of cleanliness and comfort will tell and every judicious swineherd practices it. Disinfect, make shades and preparations for artificial baths if not where they have access to a creek.

Every man who owns a horse should enforce the strictest sanitary measures in the barn by keeping it scrupulously clean. Put up a screen and keep out as many of the flies as possible. It will be money in your pocket to the feed bin.

On the farm of D. P. Kingery of Yamhill county, is a freak of nature in the shape of a chicken with four legs, two natural ones, and one coming out under a wing and one coming out at the back. Aside from the surplus of legs, the chicken is as spry and healthy as any of its companions.

Many of our prominent farmers say the hot dry weather of the past week has materially injured the wheat prospect and most late sown grain will be very short and much of it will not even make hay. The oat crop especially will be very light. In all, it will be the shortest general crop ever experienced in the Willamette valley.

The use of "preservative" in the dairy business should not be countenanced. One of the greatest troubles to those buying milk arises from the fact that the milk has not been properly aereated. Milk should never be put into the can warm from the cow. It should be properly aereated first. Some do aereate but with water.

A. D. Hoppin of Bangor, Van Buren county, New York, has a 1000-tree apple orchard which has not produced a barrel of fruit since 1883. He had planned to destroy the orchard this year, but something prevented, and he is now glad that it did, for the trees are so loaded with choice apples as to be in danger of breaking down when the fruit ripens.

Twenty years ago the 22,000,000 cattle in Argentine Republic were raised entirely for their flesh, horns, tallow and hides, and it was nearly impossible to find a milk cow. The milk used was Illinois condensed, and butter was almost unknown; cheese came from Europe. Within the past few years the native cattle have been crossed with the Durhams and Devons (a peculiar bit of dairy breeding, by the way), and dairies are now found in all parts of the country. Fresh milk is everywhere, and butter of fine quality can be obtained at from 30 to 40 cents a pound. In 1895 147 tons of butter and 54 tons of cheese were exported.

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